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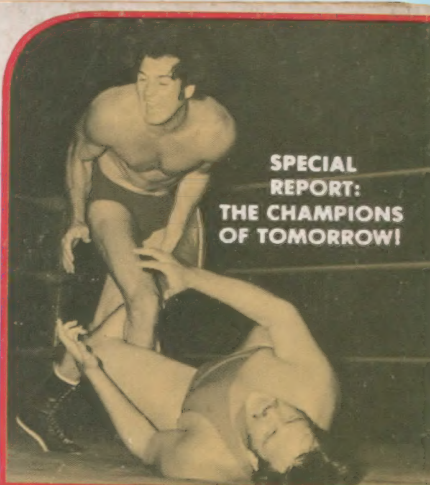
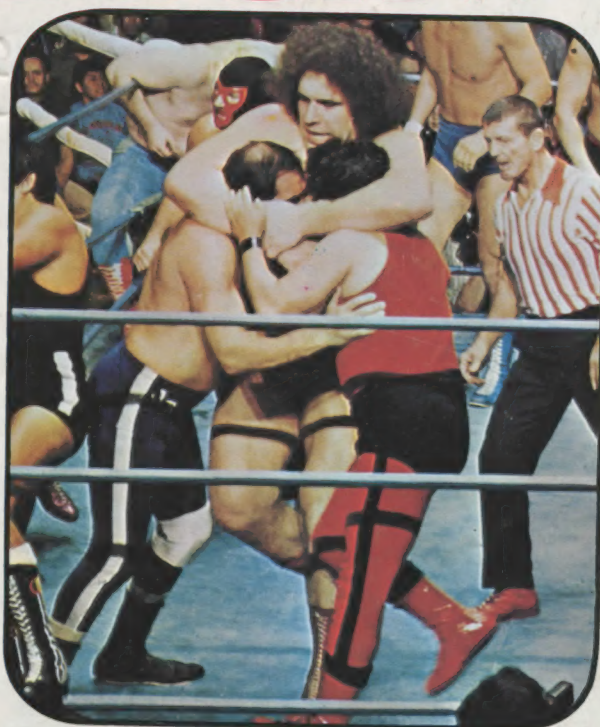
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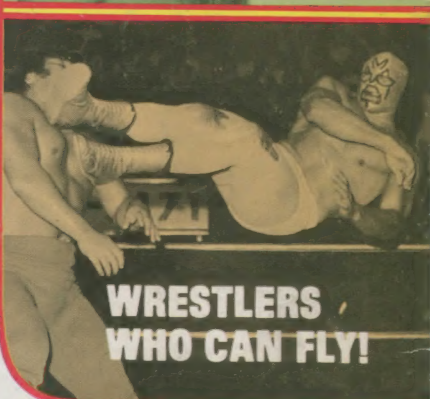
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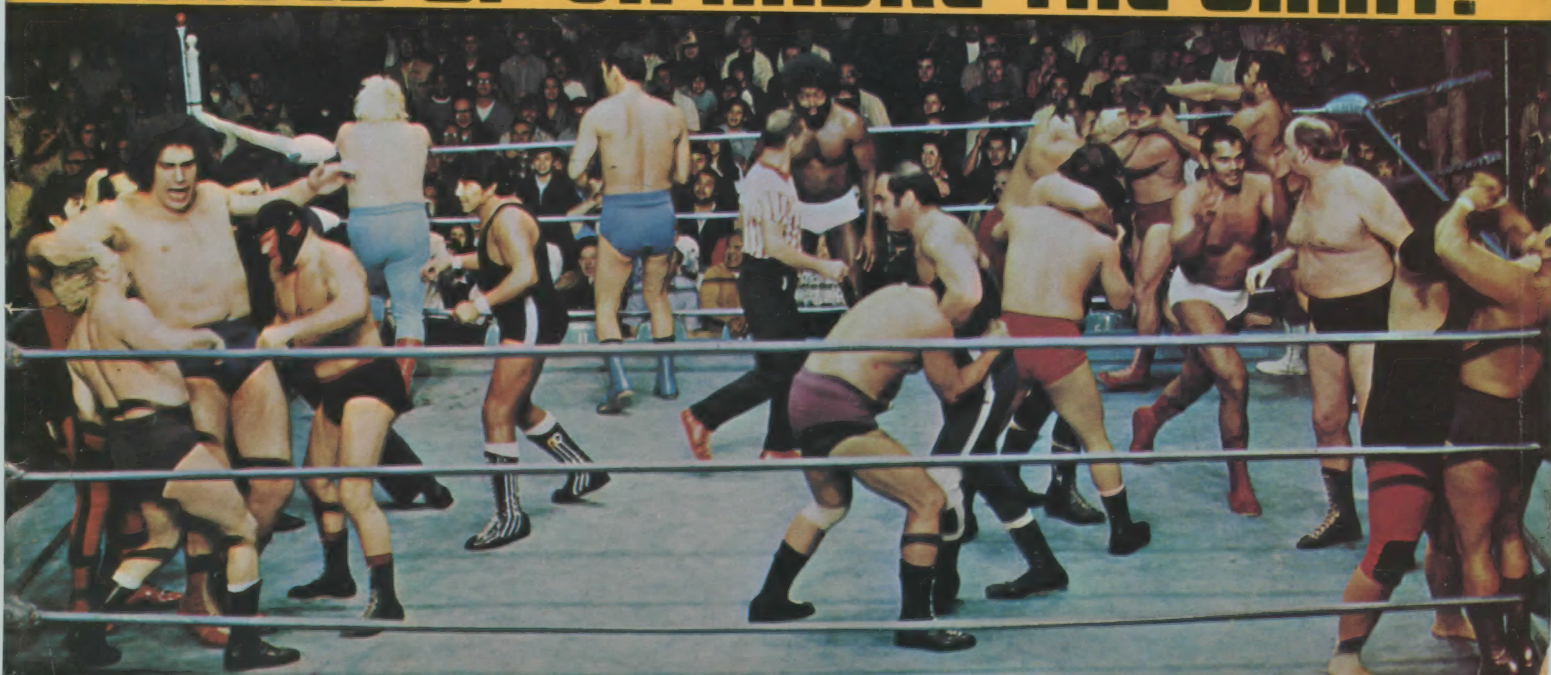


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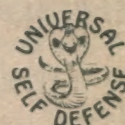
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CHAMPION: VERNE GAGNE

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- 2—BILLY GRAHAM
- 3—CRUSHER
- 4—RAY STEVENS
- 5—NICK BOCKWINKLE
- 6—IVAN KOLOFF
- 7—RED BASTIEN
- 8—LARRY HEINIMI
- 9—GREG GAGNE
- 10—CHRIS TAYLOR

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- 2—SKY LOW LOW
- 3—LITTLE BEAVER
- 4—LITTLE BRUISER
- 5—LITTLE BRUTUS
- 6—FRENCHY LAMONT
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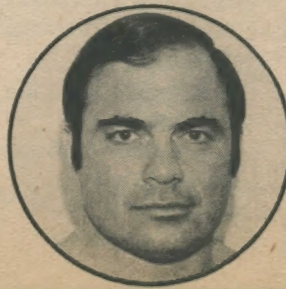
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- 2—RAY STEVENS & NICK BOCKWINKLE
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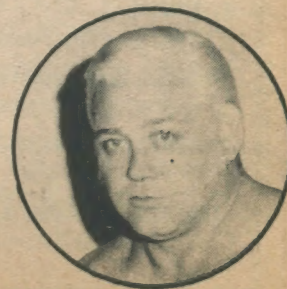
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More men everyday are becoming aware of the importance of keeping their bodies fit. Once having decided to do something about it, however, they find themselves confronted with a bewildering array of health plans, training techniques and equipment. Which one to choose? We decided to ask an expert: Paul Graham, Mr. Universe 1972 and leading fitness authority.

Q. What does it take to keep fit?

A. Physical fitness is primarily a matter of getting enough of the right type of exercise.

Q. Don't we get enough exercise in our daily lives?

A. Unless you're a professional athlete or a manual laborer, the answer is probably no.

Q. Won't sports do the job?

A. Of course they will, provided you engage in a "complete" sport like swimming, jogging, squash, etc. often enough and for a long enough period. An hour of training a day should put any man in top shape.

Q. Isn't there an easier way?

A. Yes. There is one outstandingly effective training

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Q. What's that?

A. The Bullworker is a revolutionary new exerciser based on Isometrics, the science that increases muscular strength up to three times faster than conventional methods.

Q. How long does Bullworker training take?

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Q. But it's hard work, isn't it?

A. Absolutely not. Bullworker training is progressive. You

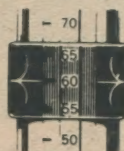


Paul Graham, Mr. Universe 1972, shows how Bullworker builds rippling biceps in just 7 seconds a day.

start out using only 60% of your strength so there's no danger of muscle strain. That's why I recommend it particularly to men who haven't been exercising regularly.

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Q. How long before I can see results?

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measure your improvement with a tape measure.

Q. Will Bullworker training work even for bodies that are weak and skinny or fat and flabby?

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Q. Is there an age limit?

A. Generally speaking, men between 15 and 65 in good general health can expect to benefit from fitness and strength building training.

Q. How can I find out more about Bullworker training and maybe try it myself?

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John Frelin shows how he increased his biceps by 2", filled out his chest by 4", his thighs by 1 1/4" in just a few weeks of Bullworker training.

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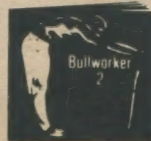
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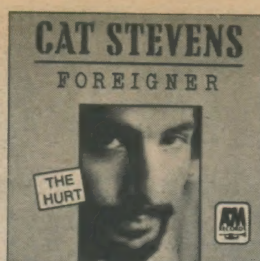
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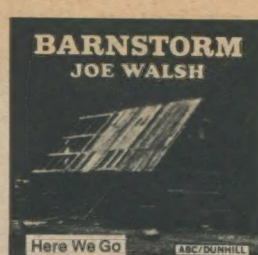
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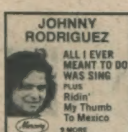
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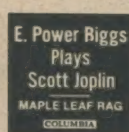
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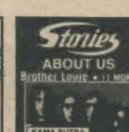
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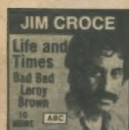
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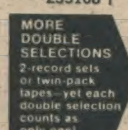
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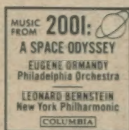
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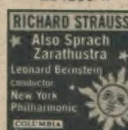
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By Bill Apter

MOONDOG MAYNE, the man who chews razor blades and eats live goldfish, stunned the entire wrestling scene by pulverizing Pat Patterson to win a version of the United States heavyweight title.

"I'm the first guy to defeat Patterson in years," Moondog boasted. "The title is mine now and it'll remain mine. Whoever wants that title'll have to kill me first before I give it up."

Patterson claims he was fouled by Mayne and is demanding a quick rematch.

Over in Japan, Johnny Powers lost the National Wrestling Federation heavyweight title to Antonio Inoki.

"I will defend the title all over the world," Inoki said. "Mr. Powers put up a great battle and I will grant him a rematch whenever he wants it. He is a fine wrestler."

"I've got to get that title back," a determined Johnny Powers stressed. "The title belongs here, in America. Not in Japan."

Two giants battle royals had surprise winners. In Los Angeles Black Gordman ousted such greats as Andre The Giant, John Tolos and Victor

Rivera (with use of a chair) to win. Then, in San Francisco, popular Peter Maivia won the top prize of \$12,000.

"I am a great wrestler," Gordman stressed "I knew I could do it all the time."

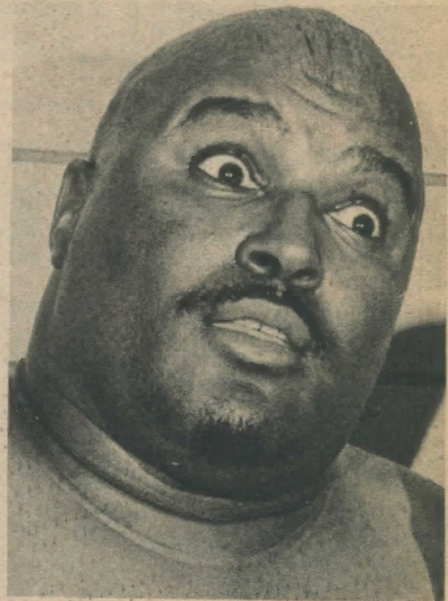
"What a shock!" Maivia said. "I never really thought I'd win. Man, am I proud. I tell you what. I'd like to wrestle Gordman. Let him put his prize money up against mine and winner take all."

Gordman said, "I'm too busy for such a ridiculous match." Sounds like someone's chickening out, Gordman!

The Valiant Brothers, "Handsome" Jim and "Luscious" John, along with their manager, "Pretty Boy" Bobby Heenan, continue to spread a reign of terror all along the W.W.A. areas.

"Never," proclaimed Heenan, "Never have I had such a devastating and beautiful combination. I flatly predict the Valiant Brothers will win every tag team title in the sport. Mark my words. No team is a decent match for them."

Did Archie "Stomper" Gouldie try to blind *himself* with pepper, yup, we said pepper, in his match against



Archie "Stomper" Gouldie claims Abdullah The Butcher (above) tried to blind him with pepper!

Abdullah The Butcher? That's what Abdullah and his spokesman Tiger Tomasso are saying.

"Gouldie said Abdullah threw pepper in his eyes," Tomasso said. "That's bull. Every red-blooded fan in his right mind realizes Abdullah wouldn't do such a terrible thing. That Gouldie threw the pepper in his own eyes to make things look bad for Abdullah."

"It's a frameup," Gouldie swears. "I can't believe Tomasso would conjure up such a story. It's ridiculous. I hope my fans won't believe it."

Who is Mr. X? That's the question W.W.W.F. wrestlers are trying to answer. The masked Mr. X is one of the most vicious wrestlers ever seen in the area and a definite threat to the title.

"I think I know who it is," noted Chief Strongbow, "but I won't say yet. No, I'll unmask him in front of everyone and prove my hunch."

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Bobby Heenan's newest duo of terror is composed of "Handsome" Jim Valiant and his brother John. Jim (right of photo) says, "My brother and I will win every tag team title in the world." Their manager, Heenan, agrees.

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The puzzle in WRESTLING ANNUAL #8 was almost as much fun as going to a match! My whole family spent hours finding each name. We still can't find Tim Woods but we're going to keep trying, you can bet.

I hope there will be a puzzle in every annual from now on. They must be terribly difficult to do but believe me, it's worth it. I could do a whole book of them.

Thanks again for more fun than I've had in years!

JOEL MILLNER
Hibbing, Minn.

WRESTLERS ARE TOUGHER

In a recent article you ask if wrestlers are tougher than boxers. The



answer has to be yes.

Look at a boxer after a bloody match and look at a wrestler. A wrestler can be covered with blood and writhing on the mat in agony and the match will continue. A boxer gets a little cut and they stop the bout.

Maybe in the old days a boxer was a match for a wrestler but not anymore. Boxers today are pampered babies who have too much money invested in them to risk being hurt. Wrestling is the only place left for a man.

MICHAEL MURPHY
Pocatello, Idaho



One fan praises reporter Bill Apter for having so much guts. Bill has even been hit with Stan Stasiak's heart punch (above)! Earl Maynard (left) and Tony Rocco (right) are being praised for their campaign to rid wrestling of the rule breakers. "We intend to stick to our guns," both Maynard and Tony agree.

BOXERS ARE BETTER

How can anybody even wonder who is tougher—a boxer or a wrestler? A boxer has it all over a wrestler in terms of all-out brawler.

I say here and now that George Foreman or Muhammad Ali could beat any wrestler in the world in a street fight, including Ken Patera; any Graham you want, or Pedro Morales. Boxers are guys from the streets. Many wrestler come from the college ranks. How tough can you get in college?

I'll bet on a boxer any day!

DORIA BLAKE
Macon, Georgia

ACCOLADES FOR APTER

Bill Apter's confidential diary of his wrestling experiences was a pleasure to read. The story showed beautifully how exciting it is to be a wrestling reporter.

It takes guts and determination to get pictures and interviews with some of the animals that call themselves wrestler, and Apter has plenty of both. He's taken plenty of lumps to get us fans the stories we want to read.

And we appreciate it, Bill, we really do. So keep doing your job. No matter how difficult the job, remember that your readers appreciate what you have to go through.

MARSHA GOLDBERG
Brooklyn, N.Y.



PRAISE FOR THE CRUSADERS

It's about time that clean wrestlers have decided they won't wrestle against dirty wrestlers. Tony Rocco and Earl Maynard are to be congratulated for trying to wipe out dirty wrestlers.

I've seen Maynard and Rocco wrestle and it's a pleasure to see two scientific, talented wrestlers demonstrate their prowess. I'd rather see one of their matches than 10 with dirty wrestlers.

Is there any petition we can sign

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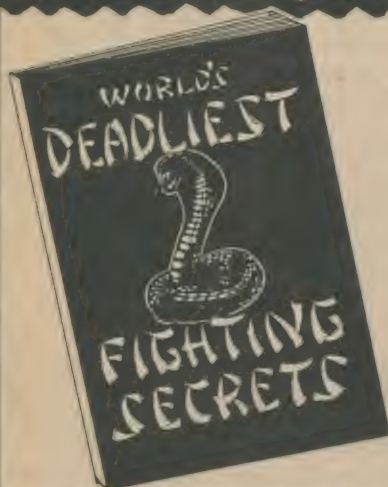
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Now, if your club feels that one of its issues from January 1973 to the present is extraordinary and you wish that one to be considered for the competition, send it to us before June 1, 1974. Please write "Bulletin Entry" on the envelope so we can determine which ones are sent to us simply to keep us informed of clubs' activities.

So, send your best to Fan Club Editor, Box 58, Rockville Centre, New York 11571. We want to see *your* club's *best* as soon as you can get it in the mail!

An article in the Pedro Morales Fan Club bulletin demands that there be a complete revision and up-

dating of the rules. "The fault lies with the various alliances," the article claims. "It is up to them to revise the rules and require the referees to enforce them." The article, written by a law student and avid wrestling fan, is based on a three-month study conducted by THE WRESTLER and INSIDE WRESTLING.

The article was one of the many fine features in the bulletin, which is just one of the many reasons for joining the Pedro Morales Fan Club. If you're interested in joining, write the Pedro Morales Fan Club, 11 Quaker Road, Pennsville, N.J. 08070.

"Aloha", the Don Muraco Fan Club bulletin, recently introduced all its officers in short autobiographical articles. They were all enjoyable and informative. It's a great idea for other clubs. "Aloha" is full of news and picture offers. If you wish to join, write to the International Don Muraco Fan Club, P.O. Box 22, Milwaukee,

The president of the Jack and Jerry Brisco fan club, Wayne Lebo, proudly stands between the wrestlers the club was all started for. Wayne's club keeps you up-to-date on all the Brisco's action.



Billy Robinson (above) is proud to have such a fine fan club run by Diane J. Carter of Wisconsin.

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The Wrestling Roundup Fan Club Bulletin is full of pictures, columns, and results. If you wish to know more about it, write in care of Corey Meyer, 1335 Fargo, Chicago, Ill. 60626.

Mike and Kevin's "Sound-Off" column in the Billy Robinson Fan Club bulletin has proved to be a controversial but enjoyable addition to the excellent publication. Amid insults to wrestling greats and fans, there are a lot of valid but unpopular points made. You may not agree with the pair, but you won't be able to ignore them.

Those who wish to read this and the many other enjoyable features, not to mention receiving the many other benefits of the club, may write to The Billy Robinson Fan Club, Diane J. Carter, Pres., 725 State St., Union Grove, Wisc. 53182.

The new Geoff Portz Fan Club has been pleasing its many members and is growing every day. The bulletin is full of information and the jumbo print of Geoff is one of the best we've ever seen. If you want more information on the club, write Rosemary Lott, 34 Nemy Crescent, Winnipeg, R2Y OK5, Manitoba, Canada.

A lot has been happening to the Brisco brothers and their fan club is keeping fans right on top of it. Those who wish to keep up with the doings of the pair must become members of the Jack and Jerry Brisco Figure 4 Fan Club, Wayne Lebo, Pres., 1825 Daytonia Road, Miami Beach, Fla. 33141.

So until next month, keep up the great work. And remember to send in that best bulletin. Your club deserves the honor, doesn't it? □

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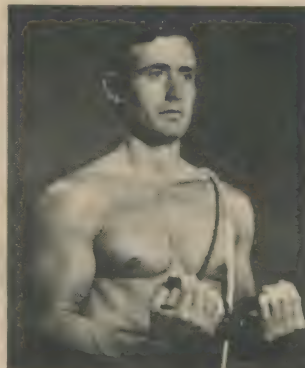
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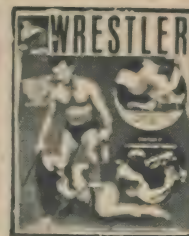
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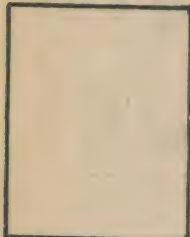
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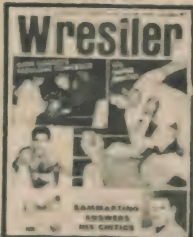
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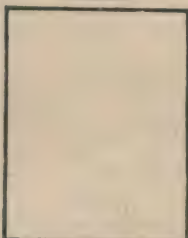
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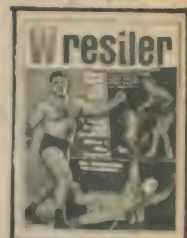
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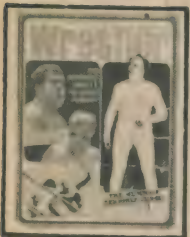
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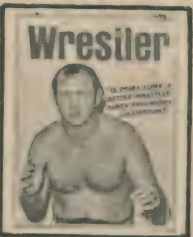
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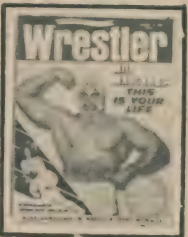
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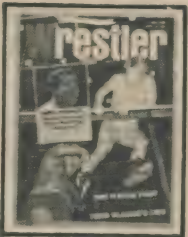
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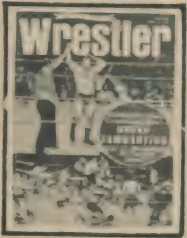
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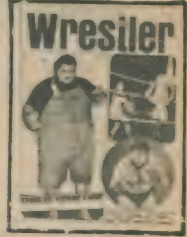
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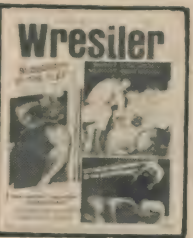
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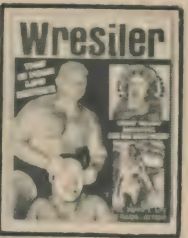
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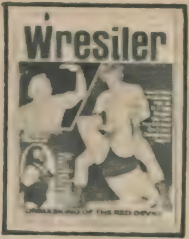
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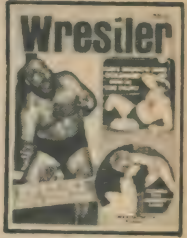
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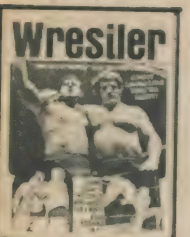
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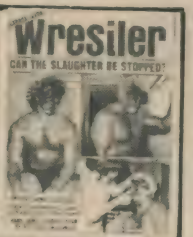
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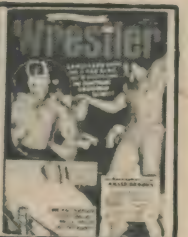
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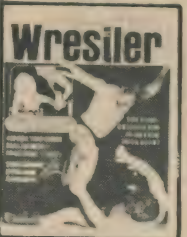
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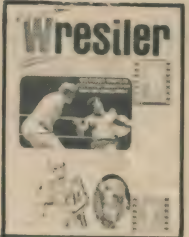
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KINISKI WHIPS DORY JR. BUT IT'S FIVE YEARS TOO LATE



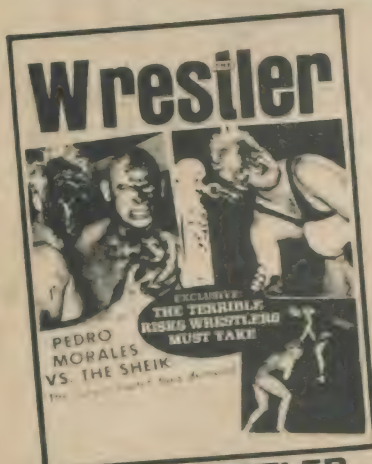
Above: Kiniski's got Dory locked in a painful figure-four armlock. Funk won the N.W.A. title from Kiniski five years before this match and Gene could not get a victory over him while he had the title. Below: He punishes Dory more, working on the same arm. Gene beat Dory and claims "I was robbed of that title by him five years ago. Now we're even."

Gene Kiniski never got over losing his N.W.A. title to Dory Funk Jr. Finally he got his revenge. But it was a long time in coming



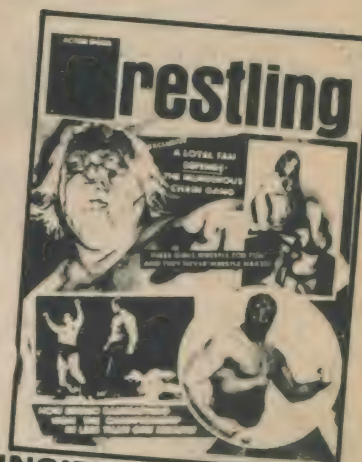
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One of the south's favorite wrestlers, Paul Jones (above) eyes his opponent. Paul, once hated by the entire south, is now a big hero in the eyes of the fans. His feud with Buddy Colt is still burnin' hot. Fred Blassie bites a chunk of flesh out of Tolos' forehead (left). But Fred was penalized and had to leave town in this loser leave town match in Los Angeles, California. Hey, referee! Take a better look. Oh, it's too late and he's already counted Little Louie out (below). As you can see, Bill The Kid had a little help from behind—so to say!



A toothache? No. Billy Red Cloud (above) has just been smashed in the face by Rene Goulet and he's too stunned to even get up!

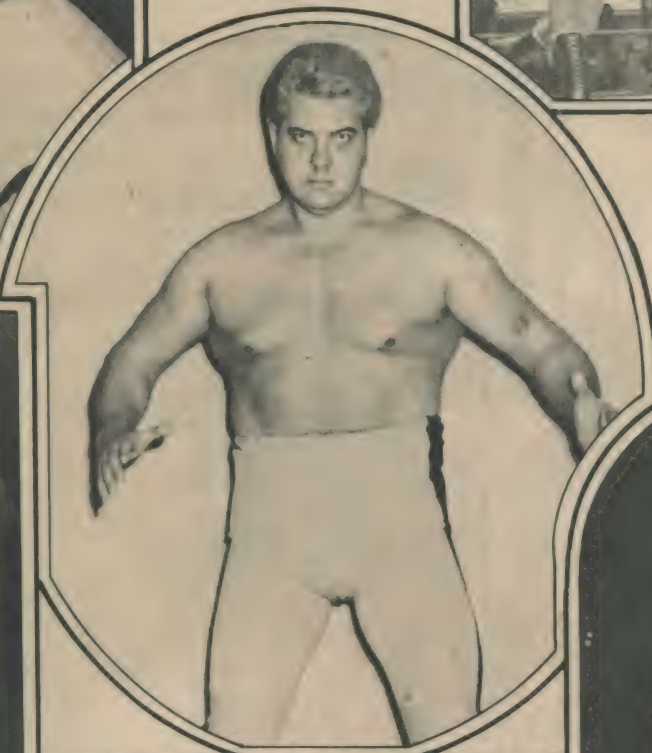




Bob Roop (left) concentrates as he watches Jack Brisco defend his title. "The more I learn about him, the better my chances of beating him," Bob claims. A ballet (right)? No way. Especially as far as Jacques Rougeau is concerned. Michel Dubois is doing the effective kicking.



The mean looking man (left) is Neil Guay, formerly a Chief of Police, now a very vicious wrestler. Earl Maynard (below) has just been fouled.



Tex McKenzie (above) looks like he's ready to make a speech as our photographer clicked away this candid.



"Gimme a little kiss," the Beast orders Terrible Teddy (above). They are the best of friends!



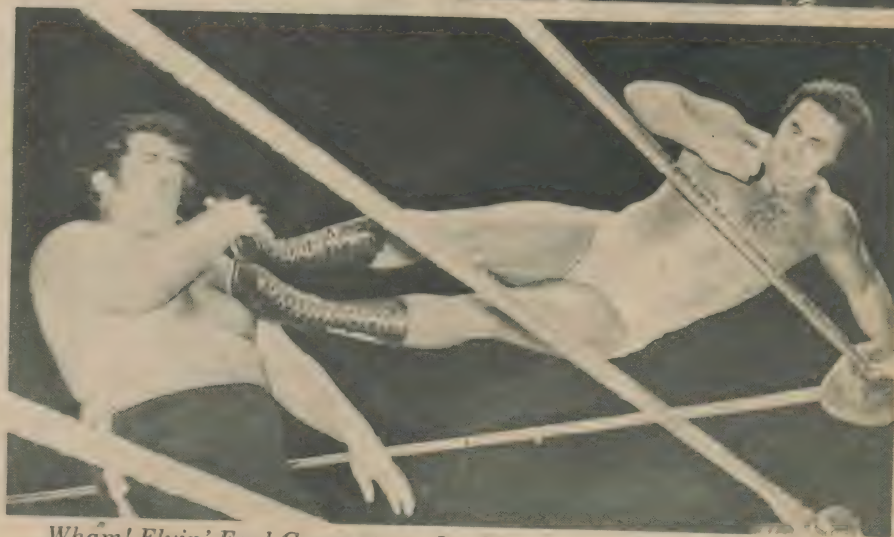


Look out below! Ed Carpentier (left) is executing a perfect backflip, getting out of the dangerous clutches of his opponent. Apollo (right) set a world record for a wrestler "in flight." He can go higher than anyone. Here's another feat that should set a record (below). It's Ray Rougeau flipping two opponents over with a flying headscissor!



THE WRESTLERS WHO CAN FLY!

Look. Up in the sky. Is it a bird? A plane? No... it's the wrestlers who become airborne at a moment's notice!



Wham! Flyin' Fred Curry stuns Joe Nova with a sensational flying dropkick while perched partially on the corner turnbuckle. "The flying maneuvers help me win my matches," Flyin' Fred admits.

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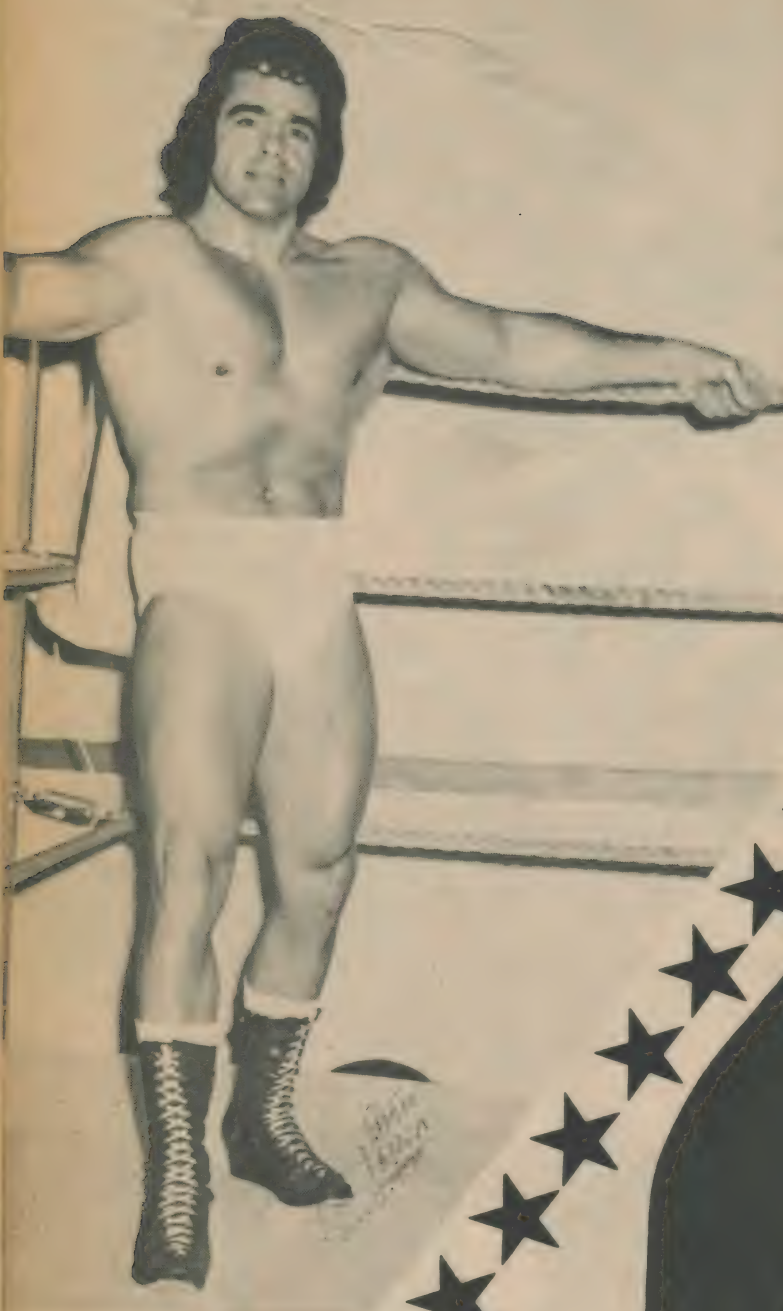
Everybody knows who the champions of today are. But who will the superstars of tomorrow be? Don't be surprised if some of them come from this group

STARS OF TOMORROW!


Lenny Hurst is better known as the Jamaica Kid. He is one of the most acrobatic new stars to come along in a long time. He is rarely on his feet for any length of time as he flies across the ring to confound opponents and delight the fans. Though he wrestles most of the time in Canada, Lenny has become far too big a name to restrict his career to any one location. Canadian fans predict that Lenny will become a wrestling superstar, and those who've seen the young man in the ring tend to agree. Be on the lookout for the Kid who flies through the air and into the big time. His future is as bright as it can be.

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A black and white photograph of a muscular man in a boxing stance. He is wearing a dark hood, white briefs, and white socks with black stripes. He is posed against a background of stars.



Lionel Robert is a young star of international fame. He is currently thrilling the fans in Canada and France and may soon be visiting the United States. Lionel staggers his opponents with incredible strength. He also has a strong effect on female fans wherever he appears. The ladies think Lionel is very special. They will make him tomorrow's star.



Rachel Dubois is an exciting young beauty who is destined for stardom in the mat world. She has the physical capabilities to do it all—a devilish combination of strength and speed. Rachel may be petite, but don't let her size fool you. She's a little powerhouse who can send even veterans crashing to the mat. With some more experience there is no telling how far this young lady can go.



Following in the footsteps of his famous father is Bob Orton, Jr. In his rookie year, Bob split "Rookie of the Year" honors with Tony Garea. It's been success after success since, with Bob becoming one of the big favorites in the south. He reminds many of his father when that great star was just starting. Bob is still developing his talent and won't be in his prime for a few more years. Those that have wrestled him hope that's not true. They're having a hell of a time right now.

The announcement of Chris Taylor signing a pro wrestling contract was the most exciting news the mat world has heard in a long time.

Chris is an Olympic wrestling medal winner and United States heavyweight wrestling champ.

Verne Gagne, who also signed Ken Patera, is the man who convinced Chris to turn pro.

"Verne showed me a wrestling career is the greatest one a man can have. But it was the fans at the arena who really convinced me that this is what I want to do. Their excitement is contagious and I can't imagine any athlete not responding to their enthusiasm. I now can't imagine doing anything else with my talent."







Wrestling fans are fast believing that the Magnificent Zulu's name is also the perfect description for this young wrestler. He is one of the most exciting young grapplers to come along in a long time, not to mention one of the strongest. Zulu has a fantastically developed body, which is all powerful muscle. His feats of strength are already legendary and make even veterans wary of him. And they soon learn their caution is needed. Zulu is not only strong but fast, a truly extraordinary athlete. Wrestling fans are considering his strength and speed and are marking him as a future great. See him in your area for yourself.

Following in the footsteps of Ernie Ladd, Blackjack Mulligan, Wahoo McDaniel, and many others who have gone from pro football to pro wrestling, young Duane Allen is the next one to go from the gridiron to wrestling superstardom.






Another young man who has a famous wrestling father is Greg Gagne, son of N.W.A. champion Verne Gagne. Greg seems likely to follow in his father's footsteps all the way to the championship. Those who saw the young Verne Gagne say Greg is even better than his father was at the same age. A modest young man, Greg has won the hearts of ladies wherever he wrestles. He is destined for superstardom.



Wrestling fans in the south are delighted and amazed by the acrobatic talents of Tom Jones. Tom is the master of the head butt and flying dropkick. When he gains more experience, Tom promises to be a major force in southern wrestling. He may find he's so popular that he'll be in demand in all areas. Jones is a man with a bright future.

TEST YOURSELF WITH THIS WORD GAME



WORD LIST PUZZLE

Maria Laverne	Peter Maivia
Moondog Mayne	Bobby Shane
Pampero Firpo	Bob Ellis
Pat Patterson	Bobo Brazil
Paul Jones	Buddy Colt
Ray Stevens	Ivan Putski
Rip Hawk	Joe Leduc
Victor Rivera	Omar Atlas
Tim Woods	Ann Casey
Jim Valiant	Dutch Savage

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Somewhere in this puzzle are the names of 20 top wrestlers which are listed in alphabetical order.

The names in the puzzle read in a straight line. But they can read across from left to right, right to left, going up or down, diagonally down from left to right, diagonally up from left to right, diagonally down from right to left and diagonally up from right to left.

Not all the letters in the puzzle are parts of answers. Some letters are used for more than one name.

When you find the name, circle it. If you don't find the name, keep looking for it. We promise it's in there.

If you find all 20 within 30 minutes, you're doing very well. In the same time, 10 to 15 correct is good and you should be excellent by the next puzzle.

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TOP STARS REVEAL



Pat Patterson (above) is angry at the fact that none of the world champions come to California.

PAT PATTERSON

Nothing gets me angrier than the fact the promoters can't force wrestlers to come to California and meet me. I'm sitting here waiting for them but they won't come near me.

Where are you, Jack Brisco? I know where you're not. You're not here in San Francisco or Los Angeles. But that's okay, because neither are the two other champions, Verne Gagne and Bruno Sammartino. And I know why you're not here. Because then you'd have to wrestle me and there'd be the end of your championships.

Why can't promoters make these three come to California and meet me? The fans deserve to have the best champion there is and that's what I am—the best.

RAY STEVENS

Whenever I remember that my best maneuver, the magnificent "Bombs Away," is banned in many states, I could explode in anger. It was an ugly case of a personal campaign to hurt me!

There should be nothing illegal about the maneuver. It is difficult but effective. I spent years perfecting it and now all that work is for nothing! I'd like to show the people who banned it how painful it can be!

"MY PET PEEVES"



Ray Stevens (above) has a big gripe. Several states have banned his "Bombs Away" flying kneedrop.

It seems the cowards and babies have been able to outlaw "Bombs Away." I'll develop something else and use that until they ban it. But what about the fans? They are deprived of watching one of the most exciting maneuvers ever executed! If they know what's good for them, they'll write the arenas demanding I be allowed to use "Bombs Away." They owe it to themselves.

EDOUARD CARPENTIER

The fans and the sport deserve to have one champion who has proved his superiority over every other wrestler. Three champions hurts the sport, no matter who they are.

Now there are three great wrestlers who would bring honor to the

sport if they were sole champion. It would be to everyone's advantage if they could organize some kind of elimination tournament to decide the single heavyweight wrestling champion of the world.

It is not asking too much for the major associations to meet for however long it takes and iron out the differences between them. They owe it to the fans and the wrestlers. When it comes to the dignity of wrestling, no problem is insurmountable.

TERRY FUNK

I can't believe that after all I've gone through, there are people who still refer to me as Dory Funk, Jr.'s brother. What do I have to do to establish my own identity with these people?



What's Terry Funk's pet peeve? "I still hear people callin' me Dory Jr's kid brother," he explains.

It's astounding how everybody connected with a former champion is trapped in his shadow. All the power in the concept of champion makes any other accomplishment seem small. Until I win the championship, I'll never become Terry Funk, period.

And I'll never become champion until I can control my temper. If I could just learn to wrestle those guys who would help my career instead of guys who get me angry, I'd be in really good shape. One of these days I'm going to do it, too. Bye Bye fueds, hello championship.

written letters demanding a title shot have made me almost as happy as winning the title. Another peeve is that the fans are being deprived of a match that they're clamoring for.

The longer it takes for me to get a title shot, the angrier I'm going to get. And I plan to take it out on all the non-champions they let me wrestle.

ANDRE THE GIANT

My pet peeve is that they hold my size against me. Promoters hesitate to sign me against wrestlers who

BOBO BRAZIL

Nothing gets me madder than foreign objects! Anyone who is incapable of using his strength to overcome an opponent deserves to lose. I consider a foreign object an admission of defeat and so should referees!

When some animal like The Sheik jabs a pencil into an opponent's forehead, he should be run out of the arena! There's no excuse for that kind of vicious, cruel action. Why doesn't he bring a rifle into the ring? It would be more effective and he wouldn't have to exert himself.

Everybody has something that bugs him. Even the top stars in professional wrestling. Here, for the first time ever, wrestling's biggest names let YOU in on their "pet peeves"



It may sound repititious but Chief Jay Strongbow (above) still claims he is entitled to a title shot.

CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW

Being deprived of a title shot has got to be my pet peeve. I've defeated so many guys who've had title shots that I've stopped counting. I should be given a chance to prove whether or not I'm capable of being W.W.W.F. champion.

However, the support that fans have given me is truly heartwarming. Fans that have cheered for me and

are smaller and lighter than I am. And how many wrestlers are my size?

There are many wrestlers who I consider stiff competition because they are strong, coordinated, and clever. When you pit size against talent, talent will always win. I know I'm talented, but so are a lot of other guys in the sport.

I think that not signing to wrestle me is an insult to the other wrestlers, also. To think that someone could overpower them simply because he is taller and heavier is ridiculous and stupid.

What's even more irritating is that people like The Sheik are wasting their great talent by resorting to cheap tricks.

VICKI WILLIAMS

Why aren't women's matches supported as vigorously as men's matches? I don't know, but I'm sure unhappy about it!

I know from personal experience that men tag team champions are supported more than women tag team champions. Joyce Grable and I are as talented as any men tag team



Andre The Giant (above) is burnt up because promoters are often hesitant to sign him against smaller men—champions included. "How many men are my size?" he asks. "I think this is unfair."

champions, but we don't get as much support.

Women's matches should be on every card in every arena! Fans should be educated as to the many subtleties of girl wrestling. More women fans should support the matches and be vocal about it. We need and deserve the fans' support.



In a bid for women's lib, pretty Vicki Williams (above) wants more support of women's matches around the globe.



Paul Jones (above) has cleaned up his tactics and really hates to be called a rule breaker now.

PAUL JONES

I get angry every time some fan calls me a dirty wrestler. If I can change my tactics, why don't some fans appreciate it?

I'll admit that for a few years the rules were not my major concern. I'm not trying to excuse my tactics, but I was hungry and determined to make a name for myself. I realize now that it was the wrong way to do it.

However, I am now the most scientific wrestler I know. I'd rather lose than use a dirty tactic. I may lose my temper, but I haven't purposely broken a rule in years. I'm proud of that fact and expect the fans to respect that.

However, there are always some clowns who insist that I'm still a dirty wrestler. I'd like to get them in a ring and prove I don't need dirty tactics to tie them into an agonized pretzel!

Cowboy Bob Ellis (right) wants the rules to become stricter. Bill Watts (below) says he's underrated. "A lot of bums are rated," he says.

for themselves, they'd know I was the best around.

So I can't get what's coming to me until the ratings make me number one where I belong. Then I'll go around accepting apologies.

COWBOY BOB ELLIS

Guys who think the rules are to be ignored or broken are an insult to



COWBOY BILL WATTS

One thing I can't stand is when other wrestlers who I'm much better than get rated over me. This is criminal.

I'm constantly being overlooked when it comes to the ratings. I don't know why but I have my suspicions. And when I get the goods on you guys, watch out!

What gets me even angrier are the dumb fans who believe those rotten ratings. I don't get the respect I deserve because those yo-yos can't see beyond the ratings. If they'd think

the sport to which I've devoted my life. They destroy what so many of us have struggled to achieve.

When I retire, I want to be remembered as the guy who helped run the dirty wrestlers out of the sport. Those of us who devote our lives to the development of scientific wrestling are insulted every time one of these animals steps into the ring.

Referees should be given more power to disqualify wrestlers who break the rules and a disqualification should mean a loss, including in championship matches.

There's is nothing that upsets me more than having to watch a dirty wrestler get away with his tactics. It's an insult to all those who believe in the sport.

wouldn't care if I came into the ring wearing a sack! They just want to wrestle. And that's all I want to do.

I've had it with all the glory-seeking mask snatchers!



Mil Mascaras (above) is sick of guys trying to rip off his mask. John Tolos (above right and wrestling Pak Song below) hates to be classified as a dirty wrestler. "I'm scientific," he claims.

MIL MASCARAS

Guys who want nothing more than to tear the mask off my face get me angrier than anything else in the world!

The more famous I've become, the more other wrestlers think they can gain by ripping the mask off my face. I think it's cheap to try to gain some notoriety for doing something that would be so disturbing to me. They don't even wrestle to win, just to unmask me.

That's why I'm wrestling more in Japan now. The Japanese wrestlers

JOHN TOLOS

- I've more than had it with those clowns who call themselves wrestlers and geeks who call themselves fans who have the stupidity to call me a dirty wrestler.

Me? Dirty? How can those pathetic excuses for human beings dare to spread such ridiculous lies about me. There has never in the history of the sport been a more scientific (or more talented) wrestler than John Tolos, the Golden Greek. To then accuse me of being a dirty wrestler is an insane lie spread by



sick morons.

The trouble is, people confuse scientific wrestling with bad wrestling. They see some boob like Victor Rivera and believe that nobody could be that bad. His opponents must wrestle dirty.

The American people have a right to know whether or not I'm a dirty wrestler. Let me assure you, I'm not a dirty wrestler. □



THE NIGHT 21 SNARLING WILDMEN GANGED UP ON ANDRE THE GIANT!

Clunk! Andre's just knocked John Tolos and Black Gordman's heads together and he refuses to let them fall (above)! Andre becomes the middle of a sandwich (below) as he crushes Gordman, Goliath and Pat Patterson. Believe it or not, Victor Rivera's helping his enemies try to eliminate Andre!



THERE WAS NO doubt in 21 wrestlers' minds who was the man who had to be defeated if each was to have a chance to win the annual Los Angeles Battle Royal. The man to beat was Andre the Giant.

"You enter a battle royal," Victor Rivera explained before the event. "because there is a lot of money at stake. We're professionals and mentally we go over each opponent before the match. It was obvious that in this kind of match, Andre's size gave him a definite advantage.

"Being professionals, we all considered what could be done to remove Andre's advantage. We all had to concentrate on eliminating Andre before we could go any further. And I'm sure that Andre, being a pro-



It's all out war as John Tolos tries to do the job on his own. But Andre retaliates shortly after by slugging the "Golden Greek." "Tolos is a very rough customer," Andre said. "But I got the best of him."

fessional, understood that."

"Of course I understood that," Andre said without bitterness after the match. "Being the largest, it would be hardest for me to be thrown out of the ring, which is how a wrestler is eliminated from a battle royal. I was prepared for a united effort against me." Andre shook his head and added, "I just wasn't prepared for it being so successful."

How could anyone possibly defend against 21 professional wrestlers?

Andre smiled and answered, "The best you can. That's all you can do."

There are no existing rules against most of the wrestlers gangging up on one. No one could have predicted that any man could so dominate the match as Andre does. And Andre has yet to go to any rules committee and ask that he be protected. That's not the way Andre wrestles.

Of course, some of the wrestlers denied before and after the match that Andre was a primary target.

"Who cares about that overgrown clown?" John Tolos sneered angrily

Pat Patterson has the breath choked out of him, knocking him almost unconscious. When he started to turn blue, Andre dropped him and then went on to take on the other 20 men in the giant battle royal.



Andre the Giant can handle himself in a crowd. But when 21 grapplers gang up on one man — well that's too much even if that one man is Andre the Giant!

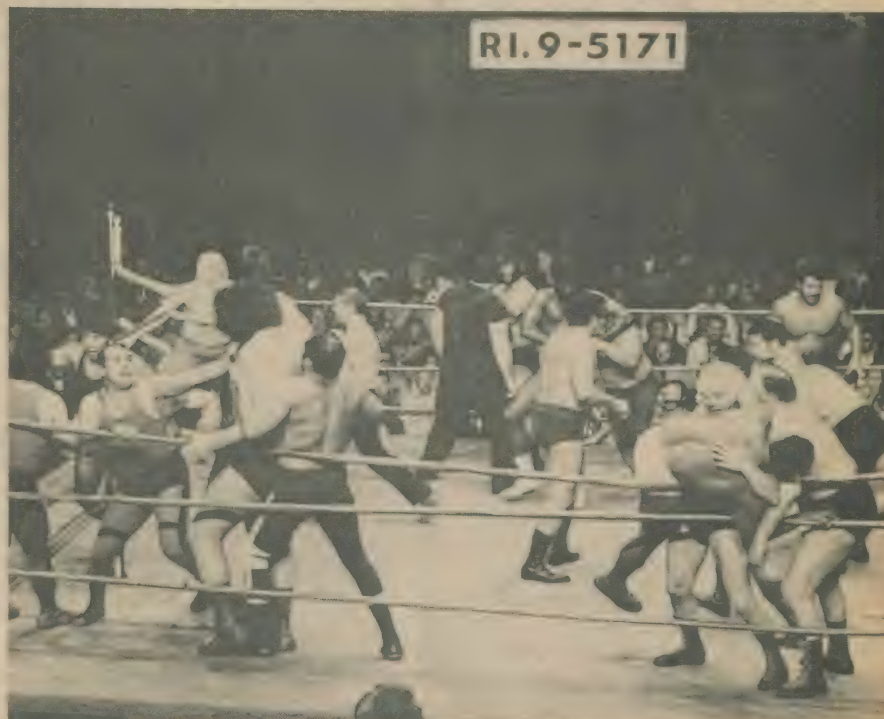
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after the match. "It's just that he's so big, nobody could avoid him. There he was, plodding around the ring, getting in everybody's way. I just wanted to get rid of him so I could wrestle. While he was in there, it was like a crowded subway car."

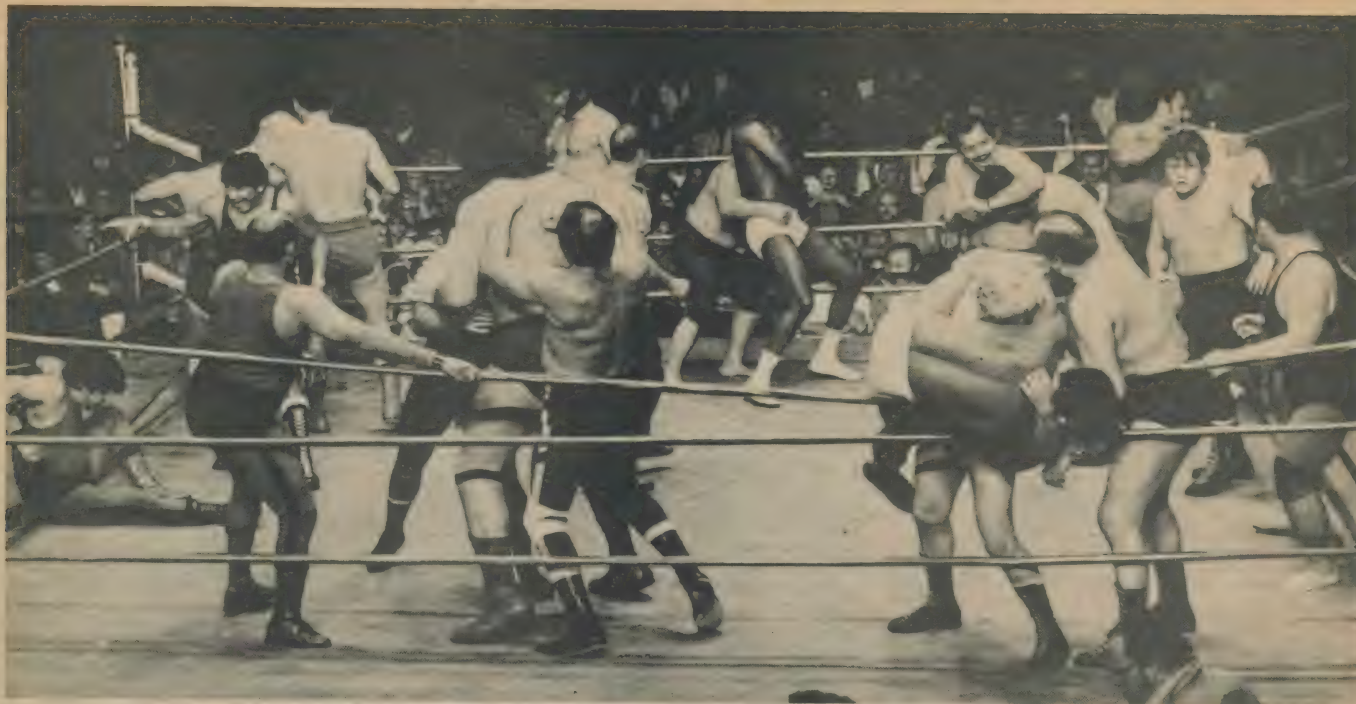
"It never occurred to me to gang up on him. I can take him alone. I can take two of him alone. The bigger they are, the harder they fall. And did you see Andre fall? I haven't enjoyed anything so much since Victor Rivera slipped on a banana peel and cracked the sidewalk."

Moondog Mayne pretends not to know who Andre the Giant is, though it was his brutal mulekick that was the beginning of the end for Andre.

"Andre was the big guy, huh? He was a big guy, yessiree. But he was no match for Moondog Mayne. I eat glass and live goldfish. Nothing scares me. After all, that big guy was smaller than King Kong, right? And I've challenged King Kong to wrestle me anytime he wants. And he can have Godzilla as his second. And you ex-



As Tolos holds Andre, Goliath slugs away. But it proved to be an unsuccessful series of events as Andre bopped Tolos with his behind, sending John flying, and then elbow smashed Goliath across the ring.



Now it's Tolos again behind Andre and Dr. Death trying to push him down (above). Again. No dice. Moondog Mayne gets a lift (left) onto the turnbuckles as Black Gordman gets nowhere trying to get Andre off of Moondog.

pect me to be worried about big guys like Andre? I'm Moondog Mayne!"

There were some wrestlers who were very worried about Andre. Some even tried to get their entry fee back when they discovered Andre was going to be one of the 22 wrestlers.

"I didn't see much point," one of those who wanted out said. "After all, in a match of this kind, brute strength and size counts for more than skill. Who can throw that giant out of a ring? It would take a crane, at least. I didn't see much point in continuing. There is no excuse for Andre not to win every battle royal in the world."

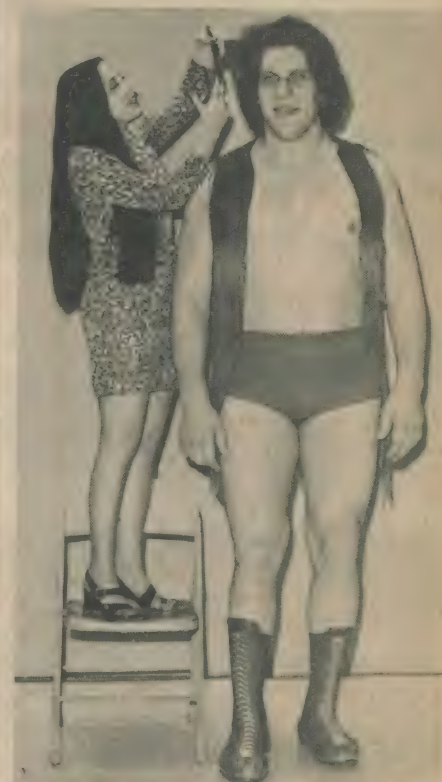
This wrestler didn't take into account that 21 men would do their best together to hurl Andre from the ring. Their best was good enough.

Even though the match began with a 21-man rush on Andre, it wasn't the Giant who was the first one out. Those who rushed at Andre first were the ones who were the first to go.

When they came running toward him, Andre sidestepped and used their own momentum to hurl Dr.



Luckily for Moondog Mayne, Andre just missed with an elbow smash (left). A pretty model styles Andre's hair (below) before the big battle.



Death and Jim St. Clair over the ropes. When the other wrestlers saw the damage being done, they stopped and became more cautious.

Brawl tactics weren't going to work. Andre is far too cunning for that. It was going to take teamwork and skill. And finding men willing to team with each other wasn't easy.

For starters, there was John Tolos and Victor Rivera. These two men are in the middle of what may prove to be the bloodiest, most violent feud in wrestling history. For them not to attack each other while entering the ring is an accomplishment.

Then there was Pat Patterson, who has managed to anger almost every wrestlers in that battle royal. Seeing Pat in a ring and not going after him took great control for many of the men.

The most contested belt in the country is the Americas title which is held by John Tolos, who recently took it back from Pak Song. It is close as to who wants to pulverize John Tolos more, Victor Rivera or Pak Song. And Tolos is always ready

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A week before the big battle royal, Andre ventured to California to "check out the competition," as he said. "It was quite impressive," Andre added. However, he did not have too hard of a time taking on two men at once.(right). If you don't believe us, just ask the Vigilantes, the team who accepted Andre's challenge.



COWBOY BILL WATTS

WRESTLING'S MOST MISUNDERSTOOD STAR



WHAT DO THE fans think of Cowboy Bill Watts this week? Bill is a personable guy with a quick sense of humor but even a quicker temper. And that temper has made him the most misunderstood man in wrestling.

It's his temper that confuses fans. When he explodes, the rules and regulations fly out the window. And that's why so many wrestling fans consider him a dirty wrestler. And which is

why he has never gotten the praise he deserves.

"It's been that way all my life," Bill moans, "and it doesn't look like it's gonna get any better. It's something I've had to live with but can't get used to.

"It began as long ago as I can remember. As a kid, I would make friends until somebody did something I didn't like. Then I'd explode. Some kid would wind up with a bloody nose

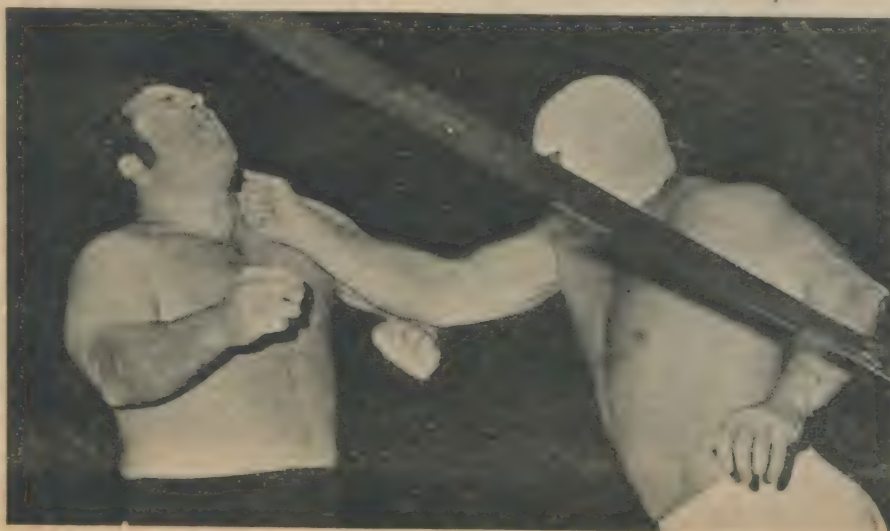
and I'd have a bad reputation. When people got to know me, they accepted my temper as part of me and forgave it. But it took a lot of forgiving.

"In college it was the same way. My friends on the football team would sense when I was about to go haywire and make themselves scarce. They'd make excuses for me all the time when I'd do something that upset people. It got to be a hassle for them and for me. But there was nothing

Hero or villain? Scientific wrestler or no-holds-barred tough guy? Ask 10 different people and you'll get 10 different opinions



Above: Cowboy Bill Watts, after losing his short temper, tries to tear off Mr. Wrestling's mask as he slams a punch into the masked wrestler's face. Below: Mr. Wrestling punches Bill and the match becomes a brawl. Right: Bill traps an opponent in a reverse shoulder vise, demonstrating Bill's talent when he can control his temper.



I could do about it.

"When I graduated from college, I joined the Houston Oilers. I didn't like pro football because I had to follow so many orders and they wouldn't tolerate a guy who constantly flew off the handle. I think that's why they didn't try all that hard to stop me when I told them I was leaving."

Others believe the Oilers tried very hard to make Bill stay, but he had discovered a spot where he could lose his temper without being kicked out of the game. That sport was wrestling.

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YES!



Exclusive Photos By Steve Goldstein

Danny Hodge (left) admits that he meant to tear Tokyo Joe in half. Hodge tries to accomplish the deed by locking his legs around one of Joe's legs and locking his arms around the other leg and pulling as hard as possible (above). Danny claims he had enough of Joe.

I'LL ADMIT IT! I'm not ashamed of it. I tried to do it and if I got the chance I'd try to do it again. It's true. I wanted to tear Tokyo Joe apart! And if it wasn't for referee interference I probably would have succeeded!

You know how it is. Everybody's been in the type of situation I was in. You know. It's the type of thing where you can put up with so much. You can take so much or accept so much, and then you get to the point where you've had it. Where you just can't take any more. So you explode. You take decisive action. Maybe you even turn into an animal. But whatever it is, it's something you can't help. Because you've reached the point of no return.

That's the point I reached. The

DANNY HODGE DID TRY TO SPLIT TOKYO JOE IN HALF



It's unusual for a wrestler to flat out admit that he tried to purposely maim another grappler. But Danny Hodge makes no bones about it. He wanted to split Tokyo Joe in half! and if he's sorry it's only because he didn't succeed!

Tokyo Joe pleads with referee to break the hold and stop his agony (left and below).

point of no return. The point where I was no longer responsible for my actions. The point where I had to do what I had to do. Even if it meant getting disqualified. Even if it meant getting thrown out by the referee. Even if it meant being accused of being a vicious animal by the fans.

How much would you take? I mean how much would you tolerate when you've been putting up with something, trying to put up with it for days, weeks, even months — when you just can't stand it any longer?

You probably know me as a clean wrestler, a good wrestler. You know I view wrestling as a profession and I wrestle professionally.

I don't care who my opponents are, or what they are. They can be black,

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Most people are familiar with the 23rd psalm. But did you know there is an Indian version of it? And that's the version that means so much to Chief Jay Strongbow

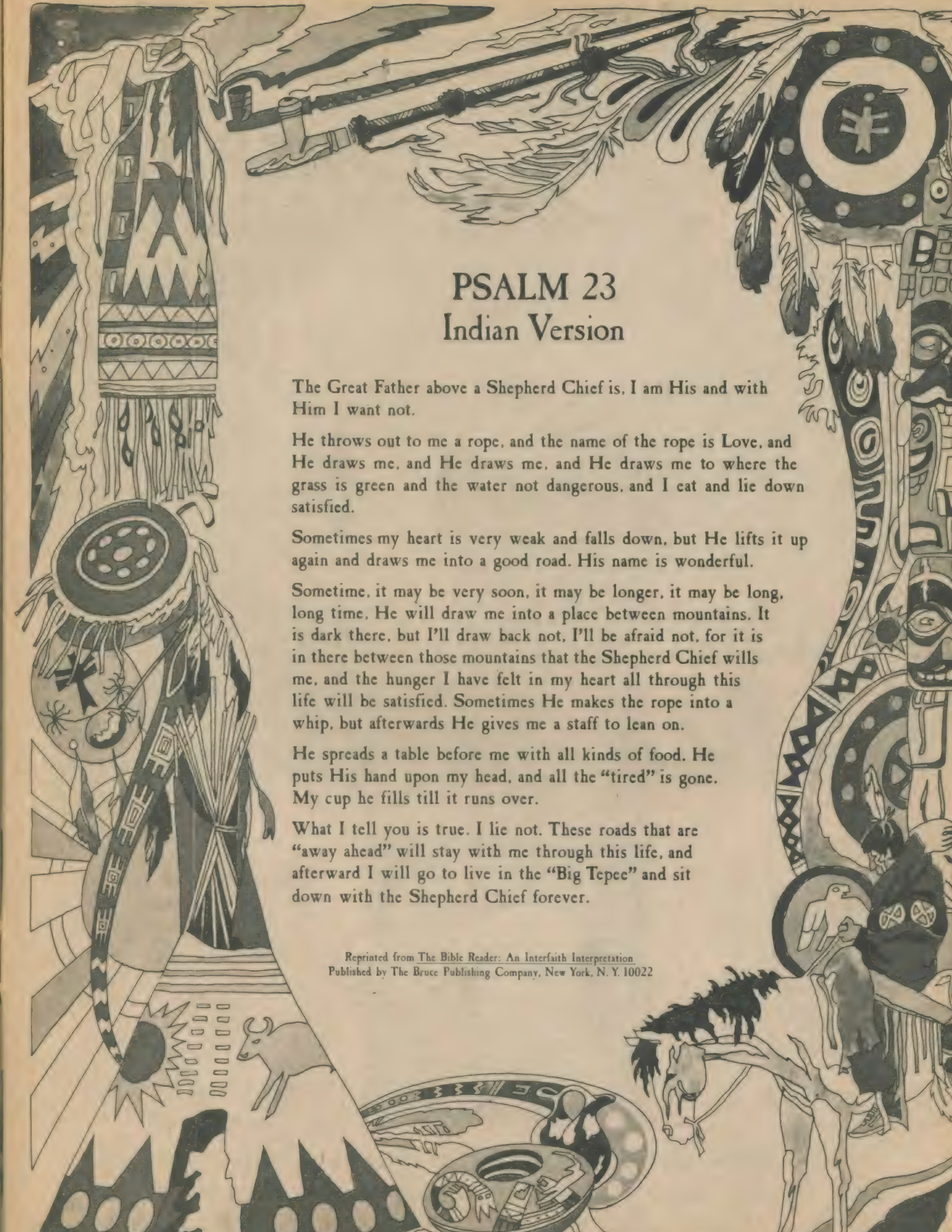
CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW'S INDIAN PRAYER

BEFORE EACH MATCH, Chief Jay Strongbow sits in his dressing room and recites a prayer that has given strength to his family for generations. It is an Indian version of Psalm 23.

"It would be presumptuous of me," the Chief says of the ritual, "to believe that my skill is a matter of luck. The Lord has been very kind to me, giving me the strength and coordination to be a professional wrestler. I solemnly say this prayer before each match so the Lord knows that I know who is responsible for my being in such a fortunate position.

"I don't ask for the Lord's help
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Chief Jay Strongbow says, "My heritage is one of the most important things in my life." Before each match he says the Indian Prayer. "It helps give me strength," he says.



PSALM 23

Indian Version

The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is, I am His and with Him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is Love, and He draws me, and He draws me, and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous, and I eat and lie down satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but He lifts it up again and draws me into a good road. His name is wonderful.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be longer, it may be long, long time, He will draw me into a place between mountains. It is dark there, but I'll draw back not, I'll be afraid not, for it is in there between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief wills me, and the hunger I have felt in my heart all through this life will be satisfied. Sometimes He makes the rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean on.

He spreads a table before me with all kinds of food. He puts His hand upon my head, and all the "tired" is gone. My cup he fills till it runs over.

What I tell you is true. I lie not. These roads that are "away ahead" will stay with me through this life, and afterward I will go to live in the "Big Teepee" and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.

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EXPOSING THE "MYTH" OF MARIA LAVERNE

"MARIA LAVERNE IS one of the dirtiest girl wrestlers in the sport. If she ever tried winning a match scientifically instead of by rotten tactics, she would have been eliminated from wrestling years ago!"

Those are the words of Sandy Parker, a wrestler who recently battled Laverne and claims "The Maria Laverne Myth" was shattered for her. "Now I want to shatter that myth for everyone else who's been taken in by it," says Sandy.

"I heard rumors every now and



then about Maria using foul tactics", continued Sandy. "But I never seriously believed them, because I frankly have to admit I thought she was one damned good wrestler. But it takes getting into the ring with her to see how she really works, because this girl is an expert at using devious techniques that the fans and the referee don't catch her at."

Couldn't this just be another case of sour grapes? Could it be she was just using some excuse for losing to Laverne after only eight minutes and nine seconds of a match?

"I'm sick and tired of reading about what a goody-goody Maria Laverne is supposed to be," raged Sandy Parker. "It's about time someone told the world what she's really like"

Exclusive Photos By Bill Beach

Though Maria Laverne seems to be taking her lumps rather than use illegal tactics (opposite page and below), Sandy Parker claims Maria is one of the dirtiest wrestlers in the world. "She is an expert at using devious techniques," Sandy proclaims indignantly. Kay Noble is another woman wrestler who has criticized Maria.



"Sour grapes?," answered Sandy. "Not in the least bit. You know, Laverne has one helluva good reputation in this sport. And losing to her is no great disgrace. And everybody would have to admit I put up a darned good fight and made that win a hard fought one."

"But the reason I'm making such a big fuss now is that I think it's about time the world, along with the referees and the officials, woke up to the disgraceful conduct of Maria Laverne. She is literally getting away with murder, and I am one girl, who's sick and tired of it!"

During the Laverne-Parker battle, Maria no sooner came out of her corner than she tried to pin her opponent. But it didn't work. Sandy was much too tough for her.

Before long Parker had a headlock

on Laverne that got her to plead with the referee for mercy. But directly after Maria got slammed to the canvas, it seemed to give her the drive she needed for Laverne to launch an assault on Sandy and set her up for the pin.

"But it's what went on in between that's important," remarked Sandy. "Like the times I had to warn the referee that Maria was heading for me with clenched fists. There must be pictures to show that. And more important the times she used those clenched fists on me."

"That girl really knows how to punch when the referee isn't looking. She's so devious, it's incredible. And she kicks like that's the only thing she has going for her. When you get the wind kicked out of you, you just can't

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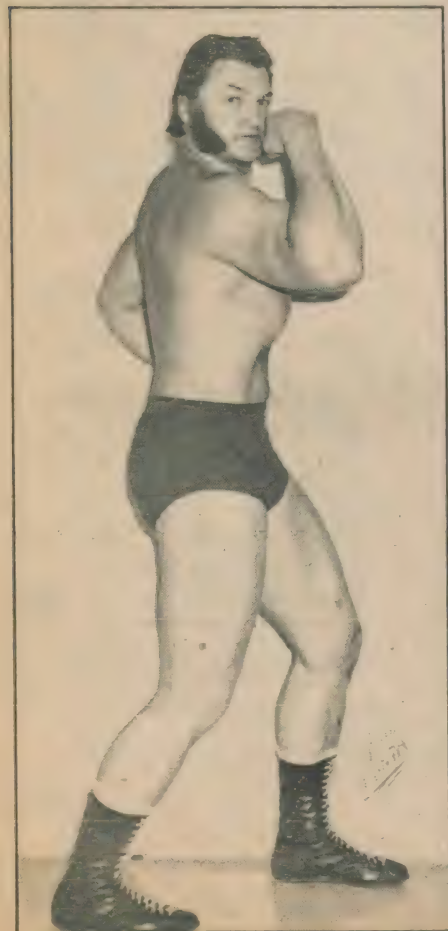
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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING, BABY

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Dusty Rhodes (above) Pearl Harbored Jack Brisco, knocking him silly and now claims the world title. Buddy Colt (right) refuses to get into the ring with Paul Jones even though Jones is offering Buddy a new Cadillac if he can whip him! Don Leo Jonathan (below) has won Canada's Gran Prix championship.



By the way, is W.W.W.F. manager Lou Albano planning to get back into his trunks again? Why do we ask? Well, Lou's former tag team partner, Tony Altamore is wrestling in the same area. Together, several years ago, Lou and Tony formed a team called "The Sicilians" and destroyed most competition.

"We don't plan to team up," Albano said. "We are content to remain great individual stars."

Dusty Rhodes is claiming the N.W.A. world title!

"I beat Jack Brisco," Rhodes explained. "How come I don't have the belt?"

"He's not telling the whole story," Brisco stressed. "You see, I was wrestling Dick Slater when Rhodes came into the ring and sneak attacked me. Then Rhodes pounded me and pressed me while Slater made like he was the referee and counted me out. It's ridiculous. Rhodes isn't the champion."

Paul Jones wants to get Buddy Colt real bad. But Colt keeps comin' on with lines like, "I've got other commitments," or "I'm too tied up." So for an incentive, Jones has gone so far as to offer his Cadillac to Colt just to get him in the ring with him. But Colt's still not biting.

Beside wrestling regularly in W.W.W.F. areas, big Don Leo Jonathan is currently in charge of the Gran Prix heavyweight title.

"I'm really remarkable," Jonathan boasted. "Soon I'll be holding two titles at once, the Gran Prix and W.W.W.F. belts."

Giant Olympic star now turned pro, Chris Taylor, was the subject of a national television show recently.

"Wrestling's a good life," Taylor admitted. "I'm glad I turned pro." Chris is currently chasing the A.W.A. title, held by Verne Gagne.

Waldo Von Erich is back in the United States after a world tour.

"My main goal is the National Wrestling Federation title," he claimed. "I wiped out all so-called competition in Europe and Japan. There is no competition good enough for me anywhere in the world. I am the greatest wrestler there ever was."

Crusher's got his hands full. He's made a bet and hopefully will come out on the winning end.

"I bet that if I can't beat Ray Stevens within 15 minutes, I'll forfeit my entire night's purse," Crusher explained.

"Poor guy," Stevens cracked. "I hate to see anyone lose a good night's pay. There is no way he'll do it. No way."

Jose Gonzales, a fairly new face in the east, is amazing fans with his flying maneuvers.

"I hope one day to win the W.W.W.F. title like my friend Pedro Morales did," Jose admits. "It's my dream." Besides appearing in single matches, Jose likes to team with Manny Soto.

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Pampero Firpo shave his head? "You must be crazy," he says. "I will lose my strength if I do that."

"He's a great partner," Manny said. "Jose's a very capable wrestler and should really make it big one day. He deserves it."

This issue's "Question Of The Month" was submitted by Ross Dalper. Ross wanted us to ask a group of wrestlers if they'd go so far as to shave their heads bald in a loser loses his hair match. Here's the revealing answers our nationwide staff of correspondents received:

PAMPERO FIRPO: "Me. shave my hair? Whattsa matta with you. I am like Samson. Cut my hair and my strength be gone. Ohhhhh Noooo. Very bad."

JIM VALIANT: "Cut my gorgeous locks? You must be nuts. I'd never do that. My fans would kill me if I cut my hair."

JERRY BRISCO: "If I signed for that kind of match and lost, yes, I'd obey the rules and become a baldie."

FRED BLASSIE: "Yeah, I'd do it. But I never lose so really I can't answer your question with honesty."

FABULOUS MOOLAH: "You've got to be kidding. That's the wrong question to ask me!"

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Are Tony Rocco and Earl Maynard cowards hiding behind the rule book? That's what one fan charges. But most of the letters we have been receiving are giving full support for their cause.

or campaign to join? I think we should show that many fans are behind Tony and Earl."

RHONDA STALLINGS
Los Angeles, Calif.

ARE THEY COWARDS?

I think Tony Rocco and Earl Maynard are afraid of so-called dirty wrestlers. They say they're on a cru-

sade to wipe out dirty wrestlers. I think they're just scared!

John Tolos is right when he says that those two are afraid to wrestle him and people like him. I think Tolos is the greatest and would go anywhere to see him wrestle. "Who are Rocco and Maynard to force him out of the sport?"

I think it's disgusting that Rocco and Maynard hide their cowardice be-



"Jack Brisco's dreams of the future were really interesting," according to Ingrid Kessler. She also liked Verne Gagne's future aspirations. Ingrid's asked for more features like this one and you can rest assured that more are on the way!

hind the cloak of scientific wrestling. If anyone should be run out of wrestling, they should.

JANN RANDY
San Francisco, Calif.

DELIGHTED WITH DREAMS

I thought the article wherein the top wrestlers told of their dreams for the future was great. I hope some of their dreams come true and some of them don't.

I especially liked Jack Brisco and Verne Gagne. Jack is a humble champion who lets his wrestling do the talking. Verne, whose hopes are mostly for his very talented young son, must be a very wonderful father and man.

How about doing these small interviews all year long with many different top wrestlers? I'd love it!

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High flying Ray Rougeau (left) is about to come crashing down on The Spiderman who's definitely in trouble! The dynamic Mil Mascaras (below left) flies "with the greatest of ease" as the old saying goes. Mil's flying tactics totally stun his opponents. An underrated flyer, agile Dory Dixon flies onto Ernie Ladd (below, right). Dory has one of the best dropkicks in the business.





Throughout his entire career, Verne Gagne (above, dropkicking Boris Volkoff) has maintained one of the finest flying dropkicks ever seen. When you talk about dropkicks, you can't leave out the very popular Victor Rivera (below, dropkicking a masked Russian).



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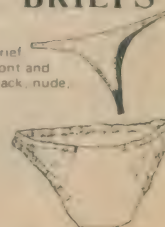
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COWBOY BILL WATTS

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Above: Early in his match with Mr. Wrestling, Bill is hurled into the turnbuckle. Below right: The look on Bill's face when he loses his temper, a look that's all too common and is hurting his career. Below left: Bill traps an opponent in a headlock. His arms are like two vises. He doesn't need illegal tactics to be a great wrestler.



The fans were prepared to raise Bill to the heights of hero almost from the moment they saw him. He was hand-



some, talented, and had a knack for making friends. He had an even greater knack for losing them.

During matches where he lost his temper, and in the beginning there were many of them, fans would be shocked at Watts' angry attacks on opponents. For no apparent reason an opponent would be battered and bloody. Bill would feel badly about it but would also feel badly about the crowd's angry reaction.

"I'm afraid I got used to people making excuses for me," Bill realizes now. "Because I couldn't apologize to all the fans individually, they walk-

ed away without forgiving me. It was the first time I had been in a situation where my actions were apparent to so many. They were only interested in what I did in the ring, which made them mad. I don't blame them now. But I sure did then."

Bill would use his opponents to get to the fans. He would brutally torture those he had already beaten and enjoy humiliating those already in agony. Whenever he was beaten, fans would cheer joyously. It was an all-out war between Watts and the fans.

"I just couldn't stand being hated, though," Bill remembers unhappily. "I don't know how guys like The Sheik and Stan Stasiak can stand it. So I tried to get my temper in check and return to scientific wrestling."

"Anyway, being dirty was like cutting off my nose to spite my face. I didn't like doing it, there's no challenge to it. I didn't like myself for doing it."

So there was a new Bill Watts, though many of the fans refused to accept it. At those times the boos would get to Bill and it would be like old times. Then those who believed he had turned over a new leaf would feel betrayed. And those who believed he was a cruel animal would feel correct.

But there were enough times when Bill managed to control his temper that confused even those who hated him the most. It went back and forth that way for years, through championships and defeats. When you spoke to a wrestling fan about Bill Watts, he would shrug his shoulders in hopeless confusion.

"I think that hurt me," Bill says sadly. "Fans didn't know what to think of me. Then I began to realize that letting myself get suckered by the fans or my temper is very unprofessional. I promised not to let it happen again."

"I love wrestling and want to be a credit to it. But to be a professional, you have to be able to be in total control of yourself at all times. And I had to overcome my temper to be in total control."

So far, Watts has been partially successful. Lately, he has still suffered from his temper and the fans have not exactly hopped on the Cowboy Bill Watts bandwagon.

An example of his failure to control his temper came during a recent match against Mr. Wrestling. He be-



Bill traps Mr. Wrestling in the excruciatingly painful but legal western neckbreaker (above), one of many difficult holds Bill can execute with ease. Unfortunately, the fans sometimes ignore his great talent and only remember the times he uses dirty tactics.

gan the match being efficiently and effectively scientific. Then Mr. Wrestling trapped him in a sleeper hold. It was beautifully executed and brought the fans to their feet, cheering.

Watts escaped but remembered the cheers as the crowd roared its approval over a hold that was placing him in agony. Filled with rage, Watts lashed out at Mr. Wrestling. He repeatedly smashed his fists into Mr. Wrestling's face and chest. It looked like a heavyweight boxing match without the gloves.

Bill caught himself but it was too late. He walked angrily around the

ring and then resumed his scientific wrestling. It was a great exhibition, but too late for the fans who had witnessed it.


"I blew it again," Bill said after the match, after apologizing to Mr. Wrestling for losing his temper. "This is ridiculous. Maybe I'd better accept my fate as an irredeemable hothead."

The next day Bill was more optimistic. Talk with friends and a good night's sleep had calmed him down.

"I couldn't expect to do it overnight," Bill said logically. "But little by little, I'm getting there. Just wait. In time, I'll be the most popular wrestler in the world. Just wait!" □

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DANNY HODGE

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Danny Hodge claims that Tokyo Joe's ritual before the match (above, right, and below) is hypocritical because of the dirty tactics used by Joe in the match. It's the hypocrisy that angers Danny so greatly.



brown, blue, purple or yellow. They can believe whatever religion they want to believe. That's their business.

But when somebody turns out to be a hypocrite, saying one thing and doing another — that can get me angry. Damned angry!

I've wrestled Tokyo Joe before. I've

seen him come into the ring with his ceremonial garb, the picture of dignity, a man who is obviously basically religious.

I've seen him each time remove the ceremonial garb and bend over and into a crouch and pray for a successful match. Obviously some of the fans do not appreciate him at this time or anytime during the match either.

But I try to have respect, since after all a man has the right to worship as he pleases. Except now, I'm starting to lose any respect for ANYTHING that Tokyo Joe does.

How can a man who acts so religious show no regard for right and wrong? How can a man who performs a Japanese prayer before he wrestles, use every dirty tactic in the book? I've just gotten so disgusted with the man, I just won't take any more of this!

Not when "religious, pious" Tokyo Joe reaches into his trunks and pulls out a bag of salt that he rubs into my eyes!



Not when Joe punches, scratches, claws and kicks and does anything else illegal he can get away with when the referee isn't looking.

And especially not when salt isn't enough for the Japanese madman. Especially not when he pulls out fiendish Oriental devices and uses them to bruise and batter me!



Tokyo Joe finishes his ritual prayer (below left) and then smashes a karate kick into the stomach of Danny Hodge (right). Danny loses his temper after the kick and responds with a kick of his own (above) and then tries to break the left arm of a sorry Tokyo Joe (below).

I have had it with this man! I have had it up to here. That's why, during our most recent match, once I recovered from his kicking and illegal punching I stormed off the ropes and kicked him to his knees. That's why when I put him into a tough hammerlock I wouldn't let up until the referee forced me too. He said I was just about breaking the poor guy's arm.

That's why I punched him in the head. But most of all that's why I put him in my most fiendish hold ever. While down on the floor I clamped my legs into his sides while also pinning his legs to the mat.

He was screaming from the pain now since my legs were almost crushing his. But he was screaming more



from the anguish that resulted as I shifted my position and his legs were being spread almost to the point of tearing the ligaments.

I shifted my position once more and Joe was being torn apart slowly. I knew it and I was glad about it. Joe was protesting loudly. He raised his arms in a pleading motion and the referee approached and broke the hold. If he hadn't I don't doubt I would have torn him apart.

So I've admitted it. And I'm not sorry. I tried to tear him apart and I meant every bit of that hold. I just couldn't help it. I have had enough. I have had enough of his double-dealing tactics. I have had it. Haven't you ever been in that situation where you just can't take it anymore? Think about it. Haven't you? □

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INDIAN PRAYER

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The Chief often meditates at home when he's fixing his headdress or just sitting and relaxing. "Meditation is good for the soul," he says. "It helps relax you. That's how I unwind after a tough match," Jay adds. "I just sit back and think about my heritage."

in the match because I'm sure he's already decided who will win. I simply thank him for giving me the opportunity to wrestle."

The Chief attributes his strong religious beliefs to the teachings of a wise old Indian who lived on the Chief's reservation in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The Chief was only a boy when the bent, gnarled gentleman took him aside.

"Jay," said the old man, "every person on this big reservation has duties and obligations to the reservation. Some farm, some build, others organize. But the most important thing a man can do is to pray to the Lord for guidance and thanks.

"If one man does not pray, the Lord will punish him. And if this one man is punished, we are all punished because we have to work harder to make up for the unworthy one. So remember, you owe it to

your people and yourself to pray everyday.

"And if the Lord should smile upon you, remember who has brought you this good fortune. Thank Him for this bounty. He can give and he can take away."

A few years later, Jay was attending a reservation Sunday School when he read Psalm 23, the Indian version. It said everything he wanted to say. He feverishly copied the psalm and brought it home.

To this day, he carries a copy of the prayer with him wherever he goes. He has the psalm memorized, but he gives copies to friends. Worn copies of the psalm are in the possession of many wrestlers all around the country.

Chief Jay Strongbow believes, "The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is, I am His and with Him I want not." □

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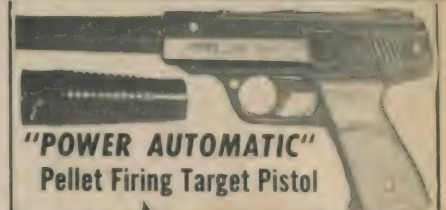
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ANDRE THE GIANT!

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to let them try.

These were just some of the feuds that were temporarily ignored that evening. And there were moments when enemies took advantage of a situation to take some hard shots at each other. And when the opportunity presented itself, they took an Andre-battered opponent and hurled him over the ring.

The one thing Andre had in his favor was that these men had not learned together. For the same reason that all-star teams are rarely as good as regular teams, these men didn't know how to work together. Instead of an efficient machine, they were individual men who occasionally got in each other's way.

At one point, Pat Patterson, Black Gordman, Goliath, and Victor Rivera tried an assault on Andre. The four tried to make a flying wedge that



Victor Rivera's about to be whammed into the opposite side of the ring (above) courtesy of Andre. Look out Mr. Vigilante (left)! That punch will flatten you—for good!



would crush Andre against the ropes, softening him up for the kill. The four men locked arms, put their heads down, and rushed. They ran into the ring posts. Dazed, they looked up to see Andre balancing on the ropes.

One quick jump and Andre was behind them. He grabbed the ropes and used his tremendous body to crush the weakened men against the ropes. The four squeezed men grimaced in agony. Finally, they managed to break the hold. But they paid for their escape. Pat Patterson and Goliath were quickly thrown over the ropes by men who took advantage of their pain.

But it couldn't last forever. The strain was getting to Andre. After all, at one time or another he had been battered by one or combinations of all the wrestlers in the ring. Andre's stamina and skill were staggering, but they couldn't last forever.

Five of the best wrestlers in the ring, Rivera, Gordman, Raul Mata, Tolos, and Mayne grouped against the Giant. Rivera and Mata started by simultaneously slamming into Andre, stunning him.



Andre has Moondog dangling on the turnbuckle—again—and the frustrated Mayne can't find a way to cope with the Giant. However, it was Mayne who was most instrumental in eliminating Andre later.

"Mayne," Tolos screamed, "get up on the ropes!"

Moondog did as he was told. The battered Andre was shoved into the corner. As he turned around, Moondog lashed a powerful mulekick into Andre's chest. Andre was shoved into the corner. As he turned around, Moondog lashed a powerful mulekick into Andre's chest. Andre's huge eyes bulged and his desperate gasps could be heard around the arena. He could barely breathe and black spots ap-

peared before his eyes. It looked like he would pass out.

But somehow he managed to remain standing. His huge body stumbled around the ring, trying to recover. But Tolos, Mayne, and Gordman weren't about to let him. The three grabbed Andre and threw him over the ropes!

Disgusted he walked back under his own steam as the fans thunderously applauded.

Back in the dressing room, Andre
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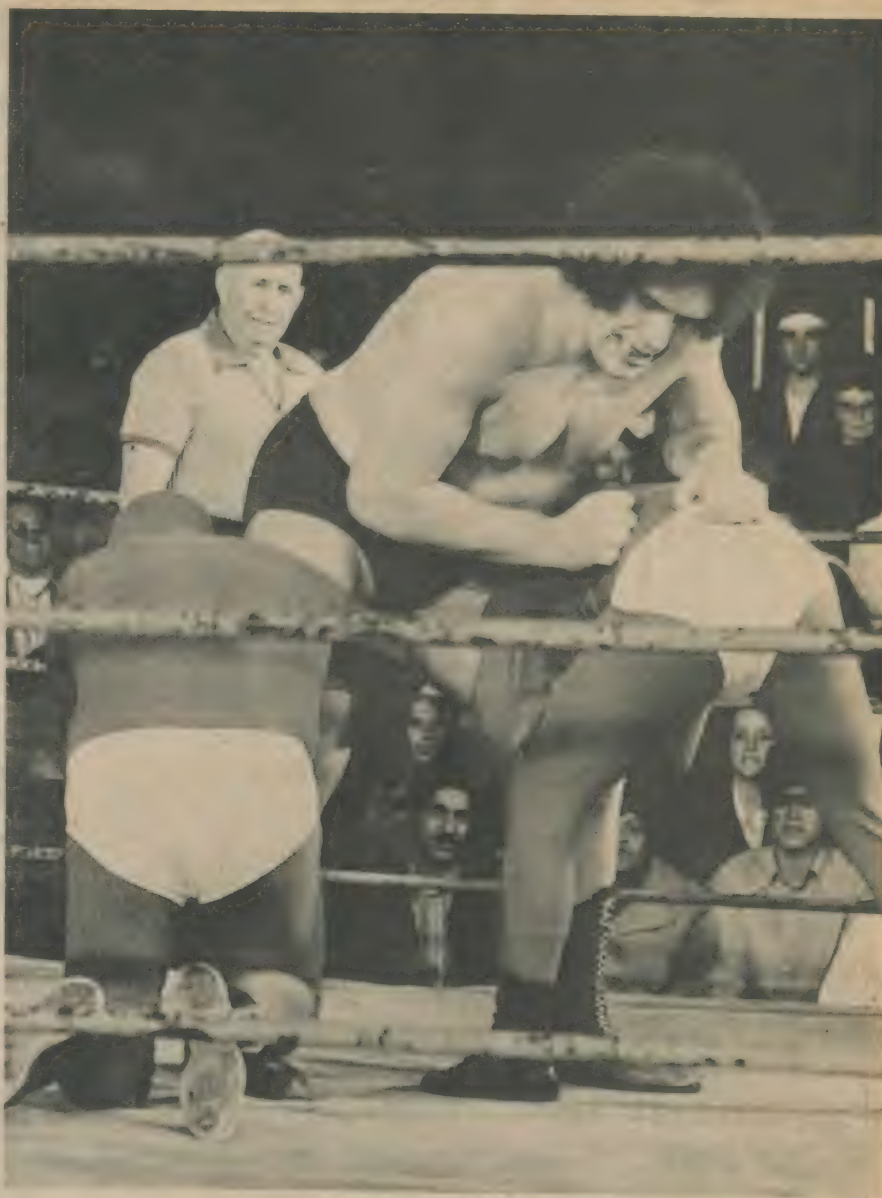
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ANDRE THE GIANT! (Continued from Page 59)



The Vigilantes figure it's easy to get Andre off his feet by double teaming him. Man, are they wrong! Andre threw them off with sheer ease. "He's the strongest guy in the world," they both admit.

talked about what the match would mean to him in the future.

"If it becomes a common practice to gang up on me, I don't know how much longer I can continue to be in battle royals. I can't afford to pay the few hundred dollars entrance fee each time just to have a lot of guys batter me. I can't defeat 21 guys. And I'm not going all over the country donating money to someone else's winnings."

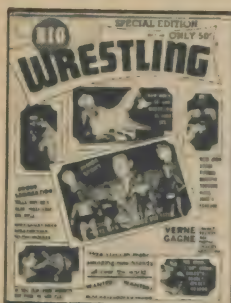
When Victor Rivera returned to the dressing room, he walked up to Andre and extended his hand. Andre shook it warmly.

"You were astonishing tonight," Victor told him. "I can think of eight guys offhand who you either finished or weakened so that they were easily finished. You're truly a great wrestler and sportsman. I wanted to tell you that."

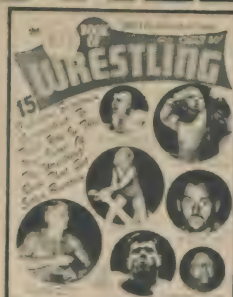
Andre laughed, then thanked Victor for the kind words. He also congratulated Victor on being the one who threw John Tolos out of the ring. This time, Victor smiled.

Andre intends to continue to participate in battle royals, at least for the present. But how long can anyone compete against a ring full of wrestlers? □

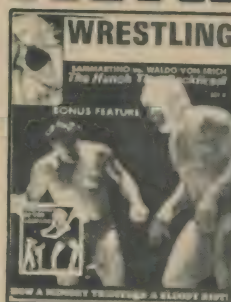
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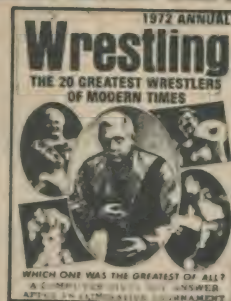
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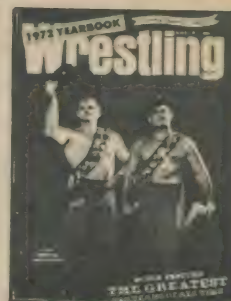
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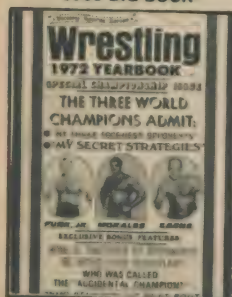
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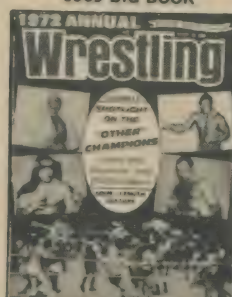
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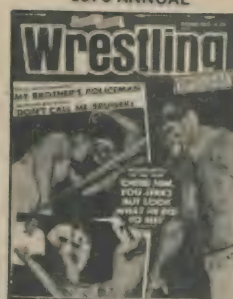
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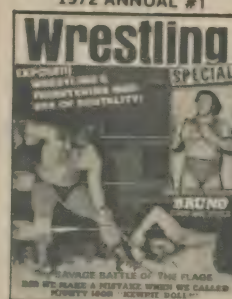
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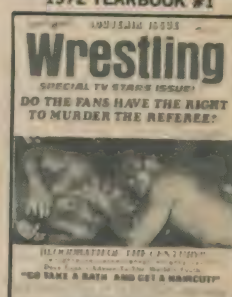
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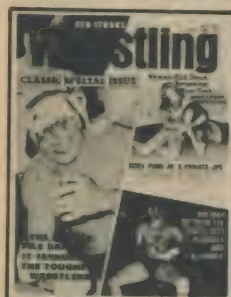
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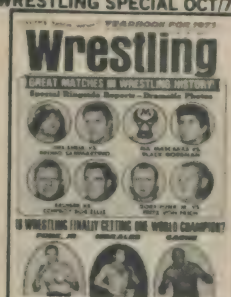
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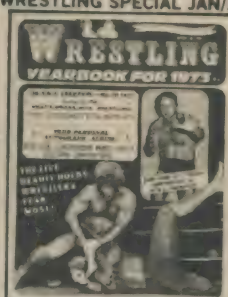
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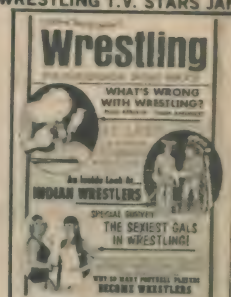
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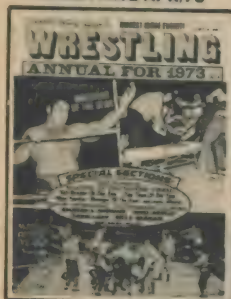
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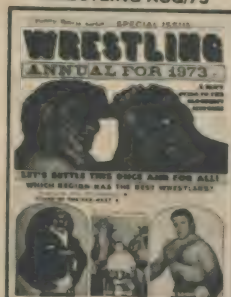
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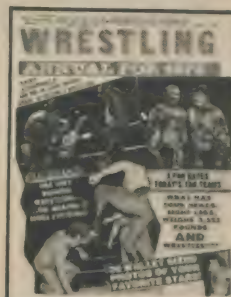
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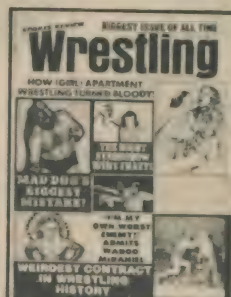
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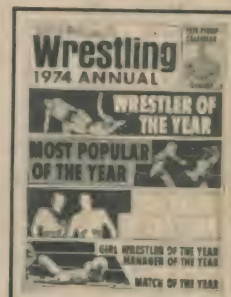
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Maria Laverne is probably the most respected girl wrestler in the entire sport, yet two of her colleagues have accused her of being the most devious and dirty athlete they have ever wrestled against. Where does the truth lie? Could it be possible for any wrestler to fool the public this long? Can Maria keep up the facade?



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And how does Maria herself feel

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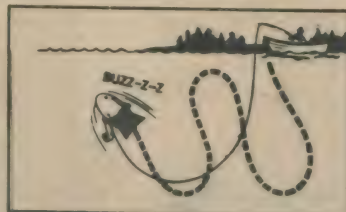
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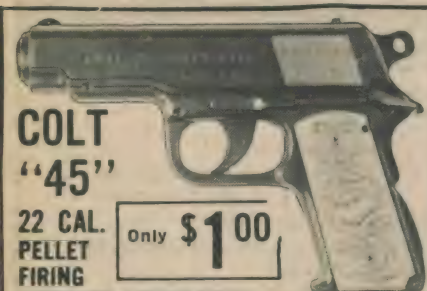
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Sandy Parker becomes the victim of Maria Laverne's monkey flip (above) and is sent crashing to the mat. Later on in the match, Sandy asks the referee to watch her (below).



about all these charges by Sandy Parker?

"It really shocks me," Maria replied with a slight trace of a Texas accent. "I didn't think Sandy was the type of person to distort things and accuse people like that. I'm not going to say Miss Parker is a poor wrestler. I don't try to destroy people's reputations!"

"I have not seen Miss Parker wrestle too many times before. And I can't conclude anything definite about her abilities. But I should point out that during the match in question she happened to be the one to plant a fist into my face early in the match. She was the one to try to tie me up in the ropes. She was the one to do a lot of kicking.

"Maybe if I kicked or punched, and forgot myself, it had something to do with replying to Sandy's tactics. After all, you must fight fire with fire."

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